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## **Overnight Closures for I-55/LSD Interchange Project**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that starting Friday, Sept. 23, overnight lane closures will take place over several days, including a full closure of northbound and southbound Lake Shore Drive (U.S. 41), as part of the ongoing reconstruction of the interchange between Lake Shore Drive and the Stevenson Expressway (Interstate 55). The closures are required for the installation of new bridge beams.

The following nightly lane closures will take place, weather permitting, from Friday, Sept. 23 to Wednesday, Sept. 28:

- **Northbound Lake Shore Drive:** Starting at 8 p.m. Friday, northbound Lake Shore Drive will be fully closed until 12 p.m. Saturday. A posted detour will direct northbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to take the 39<sup>th</sup> Street exit to State Street, north on State Street to enter the inbound Stevenson and re-enter northbound Lake Shore Drive.
- **Southbound Lake Shore Drive:** Starting at 8 p.m. Friday, southbound Lake Shore Drive will be fully closed until 12 p.m. Saturday. A posted detour will direct southbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to take the 31<sup>st</sup> Street exit to Martin Luther King Drive, south on Martin Luther King Drive to 39<sup>th</sup> Street and re-enter southbound Lake Shore Drive.
- **31<sup>st</sup> Street entrance ramp to northbound Lake Shore Drive:** The ramp will remain open only to allow access to the ramp from northbound Lake Shore Drive to the southbound Stevenson. To travel on northbound Lake Shore Drive, a posted detour will direct motorists to take the southbound Stevenson ramp, exit at State Street, enter the northbound Stevenson and take the ramp to northbound Lake Shore Drive.
- **Northbound Lake Shore Drive to outbound Stevenson ramp:** The ramp will be closed from 8 p.m. Friday to 12 p.m. Saturday. A posted detour will direct northbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to take the 39<sup>th</sup> Street exit to State Street, enter the inbound Stevenson and exit at Martin Luther King Drive to immediately enter the outbound

Stevenson.

- **Inbound Stevenson to southbound Lake Shore Drive ramp:** The ramp from the inbound Stevenson to southbound Lake Shore Drive will be closed Saturday from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. A posted detour will direct northbound Stevenson traffic to take the ramp to northbound Lake Shore Drive, exit at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and enter southbound Lake Shore Drive.
- **Southbound Lake Shore Drive:** Beginning at 10 p.m. Sunday, the left lane on southbound Lake Shore Drive will be closed, with a second lane closing at 11 p.m. At midnight, southbound Lake Shore Drive will be completely closed until 5 a.m. All lanes will be closed nightly until Wednesday, Sept. 28. A posted detour will direct southbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to take the southbound Stevenson ramp, exit at State Street and take the northbound Stevenson to re-enter southbound Lake Shore Drive.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com)

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